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track a transmitted clock with a plurality of locally-generated clock phases;
estimate an average phase of one or more previously detected edges in the modulated data signal;

register a pulse edge in the received stream of modulated data signal, at a transition phase corresponding to one of said plurality of locally-generated clock phases, to detect the pulse edge;

determine whether a first symbol was received multiple times consecutively prior to the detected pulse edge; and

use the determination of whether said first symbol was received multiple times consecutively in a receiver decision process.

27. (Withdrawn) In an edge-based receiver, a method for performing decisions comprising:

determining whether a last two bits are different and if a dead zone transition has occurred;

assigning a registered transition to a current bit period if the determination is true; and assigning the registered transition to a next bit period if the determination is false.